

AGENDA ITEM 10.h

Revised Participatory Governance Policy: BP2200

RECOMMENDED DIRECTIVE: The Board hereby approves the revisions to the *Participatory Governance Policy*.

DISCUSSION: In their June 30, 2010, comprehensive evaluation action letter, the Accrediting Commission for Junior and Community Colleges (ACCJC) placed the college on warning status and issued several recommendations to correct deficiencies. On Recommendation 1 *Improving Institutional Effectiveness and Leadership and Governance*, the team recommended, “the college evolve its communication efforts to ensure broad-based participation and encourage purposeful dialogue in which all stakeholders participate in the exchange of different points of view and reflections that lead to genuine communication and participatory governance.” The Commission required “that COM-FSM also regularly evaluate the effectiveness of its participatory governance system in helping the institution to achieve its educational mission and to provide quality educational services.”

An evaluation of the Governance Policy in January 2011 revealed there were over 18 standing committees with numerous ad hoc, task force, and advisory committees which contributed to slowing the process and recommended other areas to strengthen the participatory governance process. In July 2011 the President’s Cabinet reevaluated the committee structure of the college and in August 2011 approved major revision of the committee structure. Additionally, the 2006 policy references “shared governance” which has a different connotation within the ACCJC from “participatory governance” and implies a unionized environment.

[April 17, 2013](#), the Executive Committee endorsed the *Participatory Governance Policy* and the BOR approved the policy during the [May 6-7, 2013](#), meeting. In accordance with the [goals](#) of the *Communication Policy*, “By no later than 2016, the College shall ensure that all COM-FSM policies and procedures are accessible, current, clearly presented to all stakeholders to whom they apply” and “the college shall establish and maintain a central database of these documents”, this policy has been reviewed and revised to remove procedures and terms of reference for the various committees, so that what remains is, in fact a policy. The administrative procedures are articulated separately.

ACTION TAKEN:

VOTE:

_____ Approved as presented

_____aye _____nay _____abstain

_____Approved w/ modifications

_____Disapproved

_____Deferred to a later meeting

DATE: _____